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YEAR-END SPECIAL TOP-5 ISSUE: we asked LA CHAÎNE readers to submit their Top-5s for 2022—top 5 shows, top 5 releases, top 5 whatever, as long as it's relevant to Montréal and/or punk and/or 2022. Thank you to everyone who submitted! A lot of people I tried to get to do this said they were not inspired to listen to new music this year, or couldn't remember anything notable that came out—could be a symptom of the collective overwhelm, or perhaps feeling like we're in this weird liminal period where nobody is sure whether the correct move is holing up in our bedrooms working on some solo project, or circulating and trying to rebuild the show scene that was kinda tanked by covid (for the record, LA CHAÎNE's official editorial position is that it's extremely punk to mitigate respiratory virus spread by wearing a mask at shows). Either way, hopefully within these lists you can find some new stuff to listen to, motivation to bike to a killer show in a snowtorm, or inspiration to write some riffs or realize a music project during the long, dark winter ahead.

—Taylor

Top 5 metal releases of 2022 (no order) (From a voicemail left by reader Noctus Eternal)

- Black Metal Rainbows (comp)
- HULDER—The Eternal Fanfare
- ESCUELA GRIND—Memory Theater
- WORM—Bluenothing
- DARK THRONE—Astral Fortress

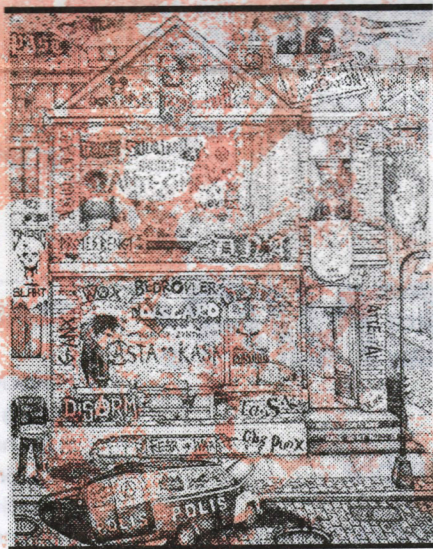
Top 5 shows I missed in 2022 by LB

1. LONG KNIFE with DECOMP/WARKRUSHER/GLOWING ORB
2. SATANIC SURFERS in Granby at a school gymnasium
3. RIGOROUS INSTITUTION with BOSQUE ROJO/A.T.E.R/AXIOM
4. DEVIL MASTER with THE LOUSY/PUFFER/MISTWALKER
5. SPITE HOUSE with KENNEDY/MEFAIT/SHUT AWAY

Top 5 (but actually 6) current favourite artists by Sore Mind:



Bharatadanu @bharata.danu



Gusthav (Guns) @insana_illustracion



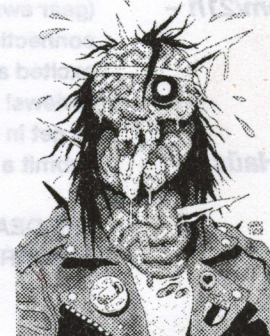
João Ruas @feral_kid



Royor Samudio @vagabundodelaidea



Jakub Rozalski @mr_werewolf



Sam McKenzie @ohnosam

Top 5 hardcore albums that mostly came out in the last couple months, (no order) by KP:

- CHAINSAW—when will we die? Ep
- YELLOWCAKE—can you see the future? EP
- PERSONA—free your mind!
- MIRAGE—immagini postume
- SCARECROW—crisis

Top 5 bands from the two stacked shows I went to in 2022 by LB:

1. BLACK DOG (Search for the Sun #2)
2. JETSAM (Blair Lauren Memorial Benefit)
3. PHYSIQUE (Search for the Sun #2)
4. BLEMISH (Blair Lauren Memorial Benefit)
5. VERIFY (Blair Lauren Memorial Benefit)
- 5.5 Honourable mention was ORDER OF OPERATIONS (Blair Lauren Memorial Benefit) for keeping me on my toes guessing what would happen next.

Top 5 punk and hardcore releases of 2022 (from Anon voicemail):

1. BRAIN TOURNIQUET—S/T
2. UZU
3. STRAW MAN ARMY
4. VERIFY—S/T
5. PUNITIVE DAMAGE—The Blackout

Top 5 sets I saw in Montreal this year, by Taylor:

1. ULTRARAT at Search for the Sun Fest
2. DESTRUCT at Varning
3. TOTAL NADA at Noise Not Borders Fest
4. FUCKING LOVERS at Varning
5. S.H.I.T. at Casa del Popolo, June 10th

Top 5 sickest/most fun shows I went to in Montreal this year, by Taylor (no order):

- September 17th underpass show ft. CATEGORY 514, SCARAMANGA, PRIMAL HORDE, SHUT AWAY.
- August 13th noise show at Casa ft. BP, KNURL, PRIMITIVE ISOLATION TACTICS, MS, GIRL CIRCLES
- May 25th at Traxide ft. NAPALM RAID, FRACTURED, BOSQUE ROJO, THE SEX
- March 11th at Jacuzzi (RIP) ft. GLOWING ORB, PEEVE, UZU
- September 24th Varning at Piranha bar ft. BOMBARDEMENT, ASILE, MUECO, COLLAPSED, FLOWER, WARKRUSHER, TOTAL NADA

Top 5 anticiv animal world moments by Zola:

1. Brown bear devours rich couple and pilot after private plane crashes in remote Russia (2022)
2. Turtle bites off cop toe in Hudson river, NY, USA (1924)
3. Ravens consistently attack amazon delivery drone for weeks, Australia, (2021)
4. Vultures sabotage a US-Mexico border radio tower with corrosive vomit and feces, (2020)
5. Elephant rips owner in half after being overworked in hot weather, Thailand (2022)